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| In re Application of                | : |                      |
| COFFMAN et al.                      | : | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Application No. 10/654,205          | : |                      |
| Filed: 09/03/2003                   | : |                      |
| Attorney Docket No. YOR920030305US1 | : |                      |

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 28, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

This application became abandoned for failure to pay the issue fee and publication fee as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on August 15, 2007, which set a three (3) month statutory period for reply. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on November 16, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 11, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee and publication fee; (2) the petition fee; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the petition is **granted**.

The Office notes that the current fee for filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is \$1,540.00, not \$1,500.00. Thus, the Office charged the \$1,540.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 09-0449. Additionally, the Office finance records indicate that the Office charged the \$1,440.00 issue fee and the \$300.00 publication fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0510 on November 19, 2007, and again on December 28, 2007, to Deposit Account No. 09-0449. The duplicate charge for the \$1,440.00 issue fee and the \$300.00 publication fee on December 28, 2007, will be credited to Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

The Part B- Fee(s) Transmittal reveals that applicants submitted a Fee Address Indication form for maintenance fee purposes only. However, the record does not indicate that applicants submitted a change of correspondence or a revocation and appointment of power of attorney with the present petition. Accordingly, the Office will mail a one-time courtesy copy of this decision to the address indicated on petition.

This matter is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning the issuance of the application into a patent should be directed to the Office of Patent Publication, Customer Service at (571) 272-4200. Telephone inquiries specifically concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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